



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 395

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Substitute House Bill No. 5460

House of Representatives, April 8, 2013

The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. PERONE of the 137th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PLAN FOR EMERGING BIOSCIENCE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2013*) The Commissioner of Economic
2 and Community Development shall develop a plan to facilitate the
3 growth of bioscience and pharmaceutical businesses in southeastern
4 Connecticut. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to (1) targeted
5 incentives for bioscience and pharmaceutical businesses, (2) business
6 formation support resources for such businesses, (3) mechanisms to
7 quickly respond to changes in market demand, and (4) integration of
8 bioscience and pharmaceutical businesses with existing regional assets.
9 On or before December 1, 2014, the commissioner shall submit, in
10 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
11 such plan to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the
12 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the second sentence, the word "model" was deleted for internal consistency.

CE *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in no fiscal impact by requiring the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to prepare a plan regarding bioscience and pharmaceutical businesses in southeastern Connecticut by December 1, 2014. It is anticipated that DECD would not need additional resources; however, the agency may need to divert existing staff and resources from current business-development related efforts in order to develop this plan.

Currently DECD commissions a contractor to assist in preparing the five-year economic strategic plan, required by CGS 32-10, at a cost of \$500,000.¹ It is anticipated that the cost of developing the plan in the bill can be accommodated within the overall cost to be incurred from preparing the economic strategic plan. The next economic strategic plan is required to be completed by July 1, 2014.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

¹ CGS 32-10 requires DECD to conduct an analysis of targeted industry sectors in the state, what those industries need for continued growth, and any potential impediments to that growth every five years. Furthermore, the law requires DECD to identify, analyze, and report on the state's growing and declining economic clusters.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5460*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PLAN FOR EMERGING BIOSCIENCE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the economic and community development commissioner to develop a plan to help bioscience and pharmaceutical businesses grow in southeastern Connecticut. At a minimum, the plan must include targeted incentives, business formation resources, mechanisms for quickly responding to changing market demand, and the integration of bioscience and pharmaceutical businesses with the region's existing assets. The commissioner must submit the plan to the governor and Commerce Committee by December 1, 2014.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

BACKGROUND***Related Bills***

Several bills concern economic development planning. sSB 3, favorably reported by the Commerce Committee, requires the economic and community development commissioner to prepare and annually update a plan identifying the state's emerging business sectors. SB 943 (File 71) eliminates many procedural and content requirements for preparing the state's strategic development plan. And sSB 619, favorably reported by the Commerce Committee, reactivates a dormant economic development advisory commission, requiring it to prepare a report addressing a range of economic development policy issues.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/19/2013)